

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reception data synchronizing apparatus for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a plurality of synchronism ~~patterns~~ pattern ~~for a synchronism to be obtained~~ and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting position recording means for recording a first synchronism timing at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns of the reception data is detected; and

a collation and synchronism decision means for collating the reception data with reference expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference expectation data according to the first synchronism timing,

~~a synchronism control means operative wherein the synchronism pattern detecting position recording means, when the collation and synchronism decision means gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing, said second synchronism timing being a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns pattern is detected after the first synchronism timing pattern, which is recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting position recording means as the first synchronism timing, is repeated detected again and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.~~

2. (Withdrawn) A reception data synchronizing apparatus for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision means for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the

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